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NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT

Attached is a letter from the Chairman of the Preparatory Commission to Ambassador Harald Kreid of Austria concerning the initial occupation of the Vienna International Centre by the Provisional Technical Secretariat for information of the States Signatories.

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H.E. Mr Harald Kreid
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Geneva, 4 March 1997

Dear Mr Ambassador,

Thank you for your letter dated 31 January 1997, further to that of Mme Ferrero-Waldner dated 22 January, concerning adaptations necessary for the initial occupation of the Vienna International Centre by the Provisional Technical Secretariat of the CTBTO. Thank you also for the revised list of adaptations provided by your delegation on 18 February. I apologise for the delay in replying to your letter necessitated by consultations on the issue.

Having consulted with the Bureau of the Preparatory Commission of the CTBTO and with the various geographical regions, I am able to inform you that it has been agreed that the work itemised in your letter of 31 January, revised in your delegation's communication of 18 February, in the amount of ATS 4,750,000, should proceed as soon as possible. I note that the work related to item number two on 'increase of airconditioning performance' (in the amount of ATS 2,000,000) would normally be funded from the VIC's Major Repair Fund, as is such work elsewhere in the building. For reasons of expediency it has been proposed that this work will instead be funded from the ATS 30 million made available by the Austrian Government for initial alterations and repairs. It is understood that this expense could be refunded for initial alterations and repairs from the VIC's Major Repair Fund upon request and subject to a concurring decision of the Major Repair Fund Committee.

In addition, we understand that:

- a conference room (40 seats, voice enhancement) should be built on floor n° 7 next to the entrance to tower E;
- the cost estimate includes a security door at the office of the Executive Secretary with a four digit code;
- the Executive Secretary's office will have a television connection.

Work may now commence in the VIC in order to prepare for the opening of business in Vienna as soon as possible. Consequently, this work is being authorised in the absence of a signed Host Country Agreement. At the resumed first session of the Preparatory Commission I intend to circulate this correspondence for the information of States Signatories. It is my expectation that future proposals for alternations and repairs will also be itemised for circulation and approval by the Preparatory Commission, in accordance with the Host Country Agreement. The revised list dated 18 February and any future agreed alterations and repairs should be annexed to the Host Country Agreement, when it has entered into force, in accordance with its relevant provisions.

Finally, may I thank you, your delegation and the authorities in Vienna for your tireless efforts in ensuring that the preparations for the establishment of the PTS in the VIC proceed as expeditiously as possible.

Yours sincerely,

J.S. Selebi
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
Chairman of the Preparatory Commission
for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization

CTBTO - VIC E07
Listing of the required works
and cost estimate

1	**Interior redesigning**			
1.1	Moving of 26 partition incl. re-installation of power and phone lines		ATS	140.000.--
1.2	carpet	400 sqm	ATS	280.000.--
1.3	parquet	55 sqm	ATS	80.000.--
1.4	wallpaper	50 sqm	ATS	15.000.--
1.5	painting	950 sqm	ATS	60.000.--
1.6	tiles	70 sqm	ATS	75.000.--
1.7	set-up of partition wall incl. fitting of a new door		ATS	50.000.--
1.8	miscellaneous (cleaning etc.)		ATS	50.000.--
			ATS	750.000.--
2	**Increase of airconditioning performance**			
2.1	revision of air-cooler in level 07, total		ATS	350.000.--
2.2	revision of air-cooler in level 08, total		ATS	350.000.--
2.3	condensation discharge pipelines for 07 (installed above suspended ceiling 06) and their faucets in 07, total		ATS	650.000.--
2.4	condensation discharge pipelines for 08 (installed above suspended ceiling 07) and their faucets in 08, total		ATS	650.000.--
			ATS	2.000.000.--
3	**Repair of fire-walls and lead-in ducts**			
3.1	above suspended ceiling level 06, total, for ducts leading to level 07		ATS	700.000.--
3.2	above suspended ceiling level 07, total, for ducts leading to level 08		ATS	700.000.--
			ATS	1,400.000.--
4	**Extension of the fire alarm-system 07**		ATS	600.000.--
	Total amount excl. VAT:		**ATS**	**4,750.000.--**